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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraphs in the specification:

Paragraph beginning on page 1, line 30 and ending at page 2, line 11:

An interactive information distribution system provided by DIVA Systems Corporation of Redwood City, California is described in more detail in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/984,710, filed on December 3, 1997 6,253,375, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. Users or subscribers to the DIVA system select information offerings using a "Navigator" functionality, which is described in more detail in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/984,427, filed December 3, 1997 6,253,375 and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. Briefly, the Navigator utilizes a combination of MPEG content (such as MPEG video content and related MPEG audio content) and Navigator asset data to provide viewers with a means of selecting and ordering services. Navigator assets include bitmaps and navigation control scripts. As the set top box user is "navigating," the set top box extracts the asset data from the transport stream and uses that data to provide bitmap overlays on top of the MPEG content. The control data within the assets is used to define the layout of the screen and to take actions based on viewer input.

Paragraph beginning on page 4, line 25 and ending at page 5, line 4:

The service provider equipment 102 processes content data and asset data to provide, respectively, a content data transport stream CONTENT and an asset data transport stream ASSETS. The asset data transport stream ASSETS includes a plurality of transport packets carrying asset data. The content data transport stream CONTENT includes a plurality of NULL transport packets interspersed with content transport packets such that the NULL packets "reserve" a portion of the asset content data stream sufficient to accommodate the asset data packets within the asset data stream ASSETS. The service provider equipment 102, in response to a subscriber

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request for a content stream, provides a version of the requested content stream in which some or all of the NULL packets have been replaced by asset data packets. In this manner, the service provider equipment 102 is able to adapt the asset data provided to a subscriber without reprocessing the content data.

Paragraph beginning on page 5, line 30 and ending at page 6, line 7:

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The number of NULL packets interspersed with the content data packets "reserves" a portion of the asset content data stream sufficient to, ideally, accommodate all of the asset data packets. That is, the amount of bandwidth to be reserved by interspersing NULL packets (e.g., 300 kilobits per second of a 3.6 Megabits per second bitstream) is indicated to the NULL packet inserter 135-NP via the control signal RESERVED BANDWIDTH. The number of NULL packets may be predetermined or calculated.